

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 A generally Y-shaped winch assembly is described for use with a trailer or truck.
The winch assembly includes a stem portion having a pair of horizontally spaced-apart
plates extending upwardly from the upper end thereof. A strap receiver mechanism is
5 rotatably mounted on the plates and is controlled by a conventional winch ratchet
assembly. A spring-loaded hook member is mounted on the stem portion for
engagement with the lower end of a side rail, the lower end of the side area of the
trailer, or the lower end of a stand-off plate to maintain the winch assembly in a desired
10 position at one side of the trailer.